## **CLAIMS**

1. A compound of a formula (I-0):

$$\begin{pmatrix}
R^{1} - X_{5} \xrightarrow{II^{2}} X_{1} \\
2 X_{3} \\
(R^{2})_{q}
\end{pmatrix}$$
(I-0)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

5 X represents a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom;

 $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ ,  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  each independently represent a carbon atom or a nitrogen atom;

the ring A represents a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring of a formula (II), optionally having, in the ring, from 1 to 3 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom but excepting the nitrogen atom of N\* in formula II:

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or represents a twin-ring of the nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring condensed with a phenyl or a pyridyl;

R<sup>1</sup> represents an aryl, or represents a 4- to 10-membered, monocyclic or twin-cyclic hetero ring having, in the ring, from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and R1 may be independently substituted with from 1 to 3 R4's, and when said hetero ring is an aliphatic hetero ring, then it may have 1 or 2 double bonds;

R<sup>2</sup> independently represents a hydroxy, a formyl, -CH<sub>3-a</sub>F<sub>a</sub>, -OCH<sub>3-a</sub>F<sub>a</sub>, an amino, CN, a halogen, a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-4</sub>OH;

 $R^3$  represents a  $-C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $-(CH_2)_{1-6}$ -OH, a -C(O)-OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, a  $-(CH_2)_{1-6}$ -OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,  $-(CH_2)_{1-6}$ -NH<sub>2</sub>, a cyano, a -C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, a halogen, a -C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, an -OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -COOH, -OH or an oxo;

R4 independently represents a -C1-6 alkyl and the alkyl may be substituted with the same or different, from 1 to 3 hydroxyls, halogens, -OC(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyls and the alkyl may be substituted with from 1 to 3 halogens or -OC<sub>1-6</sub> alkyls,

a -C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl,

25 a -C2-6 alkenyl,

 $-C(O)-N(R^{51})R^{52}$ 

 $-S(O)_2-N(R^{51})R^{52}$ ,

an -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl and the C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl may be substituted with a halogen or N(R<sup>51</sup>)R<sup>52</sup>, an  $-S(O)_{0-2}-C_{1-6}$  alkyl,

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a -C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl and the C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl may be substituted with a halogen, an amino, CN, a hydroxy, an -O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, -CH<sub>3-a</sub>F<sub>a</sub>, an -OC(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, an -N(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)C(O)O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, an -NH-C(O)O-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, a phenyl, -N(R<sup>51</sup>)R<sup>52</sup>, an -NH-C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, an -N(C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl)-C(O)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl or an -NH-S(O)<sub>0-2</sub>-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,
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- 5 a -C(S)-C<sub>3-7</sub> cycloalkyl,
  - a -C(S)- $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,
  - a -C(O)-O- $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,
  - $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-N(R^{53})-C(O)-R^{54}$ ,
  - $-N(R^{53})-C(O)-O-R^{54}$ ,
- 10 a -C(O)-aryl optionally substituted with a halogen,
  - a -C(O)-aromatic hetero ring,
  - a -C(O)-aliphatic hetero ring,
  - a hetero ring and the hetero ring may be substituted with a  $-C_{1-6}$  alkyl optionally substituted with a halogen or an  $-O-C_{1-6}$  alkyl,
- a phenyl optionally substituted with a halogen, a  $-C_{1-6}$  alkyl, an  $-O-C_{1-6}$  alkyl,
  - a halogen, CN, a formyl, COOH, an amino, an oxo, a hydroxy, a hydroxyamidino or a nitro;
  - $R^{51}$  and  $R^{52}$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl; or the nitrogen atom,  $R^{51}$  and  $R^{52}$  together form a 4- to 7-membered hetero ring;
  - R<sup>53</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl,
- 20 R<sup>54</sup> represents a -C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, or

- the alkyls for R<sup>53</sup> and R<sup>54</sup> and -N-C(O)- together form a 4- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring, or
- the alkyls for R<sup>53</sup> and R<sup>54</sup> and -N-C(O)-O- together form a 4- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring and the aliphatic hetero ring may be substituted with an oxo, or the aliphatic hetero ring may have 1 or 2 double bonds in the ring;
- $X_5$  represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, a single bond or an -O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl;
- a independently indicates an integer of 1, 2 or 3;
- q indicates an integer of from 0 to 2;
- m indicates an integer of from 0 to 2;
- and  $R^1$  is an aryl optionally substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^4$ 's, or a nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom, a case where  $X_5$ 's are both single bonds, or a case where  $R^1$ 's are both aliphatic hetero rings.
- 2. A compound as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein X<sub>1</sub> to X<sub>4</sub> are all carbon atoms.

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- 3. A compound as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $X_5$  is -O-, -S-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>- or a single bond.
  - 4. A compound as claimed in 1, which is represented by a formula (I-1):

$$\begin{pmatrix}
R^{11} - X_{51} \end{pmatrix}_{2} \xrightarrow{IP}_{3} X_{4} \qquad N \\
\begin{pmatrix}
R^{2} \end{pmatrix}_{q} \qquad (I-1)$$

5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt therof, wherein:

 $R^{11}$  represents a phenyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^{4}$ 's, or represents a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^{4}$ 's; and  $X_{51}$  represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-; and the other symbols have the same meanings as above.

- 5. A compound as claimed in claim 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $R^{11}$ 's are both phenyls optionally substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^{4}$ 's.
- 6. A compound as claimed in claim 4,or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>11</sup>'s are both 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero rings having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s.
- 7. A compound as claimed in claim 4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein one of R<sup>11</sup>'s is a phenyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, and the other of R<sup>11</sup>'s is a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s.
  - 8. A compound as claimed in claim 1, which is represented by a formula (I-2):

$$R^{11}$$
 $X_{51}$ 
 $X_{51}$ 
 $X_{51}$ 
 $X_{52}$ 
 $X_{3}$ 
 $X_{4}$ 
 $X_{4}$ 
 $X_{52}$ 
 $X_{3}$ 
 $X_{4}$ 
 $X_{4}$ 
 $X_{52}$ 
 $X_{10}$ 
 $X_{10}$ 

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R<sup>11</sup> represents a phenyl optionally substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, or represents a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring having from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aromatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s; and

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R<sup>12</sup> represents a 4- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing hetero ring having, as the hetero atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, from 1 to 4 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and R<sup>12</sup> may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s, and when the hetero ring is an aliphatic hetero ring, then it may have 1 or 2 double bonds;

 $X_{51}$  represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-;

 $X_{52}$  represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>- or a single bond; and the other symbols have the same meanings as above.

- 9. A compound as claimed in claim 8, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $R^{12}$  represents a 4- to 7-membered saturated nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring having, as the hetero atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^{4}$ 's, and  $X_{52}$  is a single bond; or  $R^{12}$  represents a 5- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring having, as the atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom, and having, in the ring, 1 or 2 double bonds and the 5- to 7-membered hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^{4}$ 's, and  $X_{52}$  is -O-, -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-.
- 10. A compound as claimed in claim 8, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $R^{12}$  represents a 4- to 7-membered saturated nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring having, as the hetero atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom and the nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^{4}$ 's, and  $X_{52}$  is a single bond.
- 11. A compound as claimed in claim 8, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $R^{12}$  represents a 5- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring having, as the atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom, and having, in the ring, 1 or 2 double bonds and the 5- to 7-membered hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^{4}$ 's, and  $X_{52}$  is -O-, -S-, -S(O)- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-.
- 12. A compound as claimed in claim 8, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $R^{12}$  represents a 5- to 7-membered nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring having, as the atom constituting the hetero ring, at least one nitrogen atom and optionally having, as the other hetero atoms, 1 or 2 hetero atoms selected from a group consisting of a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom and an oxygen atom, and having, in the ring, 1 or 2 double bonds and the nitrogen-containing aliphatic hetero ring may be substituted with from 1 to 3  $R^{4}$ 's, and  $X_{52}$  is -O-.

13. A compound as claimed in claim 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of formula (I-1), which is represented by a formula (I-11):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{11} - X_{51} & X_{1} & N \\
R^{2} \downarrow_{q} & X_{3} & N \\
R^{11} & X_{51} & N
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
N & (R^{3})_{rr} \\
N & (I-11)
\end{array}$$

and in the formula, the symbols have the same meanings as above.

- 14. A compound as claimed in claim 13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $X_{51}$ 's are both -O-;
- 15. A compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of formula (I-1) which is represented by a formula (I-12):

$$R^{11}$$
 $X_{51}$ 
 $X_{4}$ 
 $X_{4}$ 
 $X_{7}$ 
 $X_{1}$ 
 $X_{1}$ 
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10 and in the formula, the symbols have the same meanings as above.

- 16. A compound as claimed in claim 15, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein  $X_{51}$ 's are both -O-.
- 17. A compound as claimed in claim 10, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is represented by a formula (III-1):

(III-1)

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or a formula (III-2):

and the formulae, n indicates an integer of from 1 to 3; R<sup>41</sup> has the same meaning as that of R<sup>4</sup>.

- 18. A compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the ring A is a thiazolyl, an imidazolyl, an isothiazolyl, a thiadiazolyl, an oxadiazolyl, a triazolyl, an oxazolyl, an isoxazolyl, a pyrazinyl, a pyridyl, a pyridazinyl, a pyrazolyl or a pyrimidinyl, which may be substituted with from 1 to 3 R<sup>4</sup>'s.
  - 19. A compound of formula (I-0), which is the following compound:
  - 5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(2-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-1H-benzimidazole,

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benzimidazole,

5-(2-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-(methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-(1-methyl-1Hpyrazol-3-yl)-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2-cyano-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2,3-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2,4-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2,5-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-(1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1H-benzimidazole, 5-(2-fluoropyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonylpyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-fluoropyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonylpyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-chloropyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonylpyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-chloropyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonylpyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-cyanopyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonylpyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-

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benzimidazole,

5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(4-ethanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-difluoromethoxy-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(4-ethanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-fluoro-6-cyano-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-fluoro-6-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-fluoro-6-carbamoyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(4-ethanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-fluoro-6-cyano-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-fluoro-6-(tetrazol-5-yl)-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-1Hbenzimidazole, 5-(2-difluoromethoxypyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(3-chloro-4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole, 4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-2-(pyridin-2-yl)-6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-1H-benzimidazole, 4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1Hbenzimidazole, 4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1Hbenzimidazole, 4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole, 4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole, 4-(1-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydro-pyridin-3-yloxy)-6-(4-ethanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole, 4-(2,6-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-1Hbenzimidazole, 4-(2-fluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole, 4-(2,3-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole, 4-(2,5-difluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

4-(2-cyano-6-fluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-

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- 4-(2-cyano-6-fluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole.
- 4-(2-cyano-6-fluoro-phenoxy)-6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,
- 1-(2-(6-(5-bromo-pyridin-2-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
  - 1-(2-(6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
  - 1-(2-(6-(4-hydroxymethyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
  - 1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
  - 2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidine-1-carboxamide,
- 2-hydroxy-1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-1-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 1-(2-(6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone.
- 2-fluoro-1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
  - 5-(6-(1-acetyl-pyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole-5-yloxy)pyridine-2-carbonitrile,
- 1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-methylamino-ethanone,
- 1-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl)-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- 1-(4-fluoro-2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- N-(5-(6-(1-acetyl-pyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yloxy)-pyridin-2-yl)-acetamide,
  - 1-(2-(2-(5-bromo-pyridin-2-yl)-6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-ethanone,
- N-(2-(2-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-35 2-oxo-ethyl)-acetamide,
  - 6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(4-(methoxymethyl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol

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1-(4-((6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)oxy)phenyl)pyridin-2(1H)-one,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-(5-methyl-[1,2,4]-oxadiazol-3-yl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

(2-(2-(5-((2'-fluorobiphenyl-4-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethyl)methylamine,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-([1,2,4]-oxadiazol-3-yl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

5-(1-acetyl-3-fluoropyrrolidin-2-yl)-6-(4-(methanesulfonyl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

5-(1-acetyl-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-6-(4-(methanesulfonyl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(6-methoxymethylpyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

2-(2-(5-(4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethanol,

2-(5-(4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxamide,

5'-((6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)oxy)-2H-1,2'-bipyridin-2-one,

3-(4-((6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)oxy)phenyl)-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one,

 $6\hbox{-}(1\hbox{-}acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5\hbox{-}((6\hbox{-}methylpyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2\hbox{-}pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,}$ 

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-pyrazin-2-ylpyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetyl-3-fluoropyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((2'-fluorobiphenyl-4-yl)oxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-

35 benzimidazole,

3-(4-((6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)oxy)phenyl)-1,3-

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oxazolidine-2-one,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-5-((6-pyrazin-2-ylpyridin-3-yl)oxy)-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-(5-methyl-[1,2,4]-oxadiazol-3-yl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

1-(4-((6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)oxy)phenyl)ethanone,

6-(1-acetylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(4-(5-methyl-[1,2,4]-oxadiazol-3-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

6-(1-acetyl-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

N-methyl-2-(2-(5-(4-(2-methyl-2H-tetrazol-5-yl)phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazol-6-yl)pyrrolidin-1-yl)-2-oxoethanamine,

6-(1-acetyl-5-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)-5-((6-(methoxymethyl)pyridin-3-yl)oxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1H-benzimidazole,

1-(1-(6-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenoxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-pyrrolidin-2-yl)-ethanone,

1-(1-(6-(6-methanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyridin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)-ethanone,

1-(1-(6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)ethanone, or

1-(1-(6-(6-ethanesulfonyl-pyridin-3-yloxy)-2-pyrazin-2-yl-3H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-4-fluoro-pyrrolidin-2-yl)-ethanone, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 20. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the following (1) to (3), which is used for remedy, prevention and/or retardation of onset of type-II diabetes:
  - (1) a compound stated in any one of claims 1 to 19,
  - (2) one or more compounds selected from the following groups (a) to (h):
    - (a) any other glucokinase activator,
    - (b) a bis-guanide,
    - (c) a PPAR agonist,
    - (d) an insulin,
    - (e) a somatostatin,
    - (f) an α-glucosidase inhibitor,
    - (g) an insulin, and
    - (h) a DPP-IV (dipeptidyl peptidase IV) inhibitor,
  - (3) a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.
- 21. A glucokinase activator comprising a compound or its pharmaceutically-acceptable salt stated in any one of claims 1 to 19, as the active ingredient thereof;

- 22. A medicine for remedy and/or prevention of diabetes, comprising a compound or its pharmaceutically-acceptable salt stated in any one of claims 1 to 20, as the active ingredient thereof.
- 23. A medicine for remedy and/or preventive of obesity, comprising a compound or its pharmaceutically-acceptable salt stated in any one claims 1 to 20, as the active ingredient thereof.